REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-19,

Group II: Claims 20, 40, and 65,

Group III: Claims 21-39,

Group IV: Claims 41-55, and

Group V: Claims 56-64.

Applicant has elected Group I, Claims 1-19 with traverse.

Applicant respectfully traverses on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching the entire application (MPEP §803):

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicant submits that a search of all claims would not constitute a serious burden on the Office.

For the reasons set forth above, the Restriction Requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Richard L. Chinn, Ph.D. Attorney of Record Registration No. 34,305

Daniel J. Pereira, Ph.D. Registration No. 45,518

Customer Number 22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000 Fax: (703) 413 -2220 (OSMMN 06/04)